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I am writing to express my concerns about HB 6574 An Act Concerning Municipal Youth Camps.

If this bill passes as written I am worried that it will increase the cost of running our camps and in turn we will have to pass these costs directly onto the camper families. Part of our mission here in New Canaan is to offer a wide variety of recreation options which are affordable. This bill if it becomes law will change our ability to do that for camps.

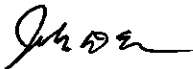
Our municipal camps already have several layers of oversight including: a full time year round program coordinator, Park and Recreation Director, Park and Recreation Assistant Director, HR Director, Risk Manager, Town Manager, 1st Selectman.

This bill will increase administrative staffing, nursing and physician consultants, increasing our costs. Plus our background checks are performed but having to do them through the state is costly and problematic at quadruple the price.

These added costs will force us to remove 'fun activities' from our camps..

This is just the start of our problems with this Bill. Please do not intact a bill that will cost more to the town and in-turn these costs will have to be passed down to the participants.

John



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